

Milton Foundation for Education Connects with Tucker Elementary School

The Milton Foundation for Education will host the 6th Annual Celebration for Education on Saturday, November 20, 2004 at Lombardo's in Randolph. This event is the premier fundraiser for the Foundation, a non-profit group that supports the educational programs of the Milton Public Schools.

The 2004 Celebration, which is focused on raising funds to supplement the town's World Languages Program, will bring to a close another rewarding year for the Foundation, which has worked closely in partnership with Tucker Elementary School, its teachers and families.

Tucker mom Lois Sandiford Thornhill who has been at Tucker nearly a decade was recently appointed to the Milton Foundation for Education Board of Trustees. Long-time Tucker parent and supporter Jim May is also on the board.

During the past year, Tucker teachers received approximately \$4,300 in funding through the two rounds of the Foundation's competitive grants program. In addition, Tucker will receive nearly \$13,000 in fitness equipment and health education materials as a result of last year's Celebration.

Last spring, Tucker kindergarten teacher Patricia Kurpeski was recognized as one of the town's Outstanding Teachers of the Year.

The Sam Cichello Memorial Fund, which is administered by the Foundation, dedicated the proceeds from the annual Monster Dash road race to fund part of the cost for the first science enrichment specialist in the elementary grades in two years. Maryellen McDermott will be working with 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.

Board Member Lois Sandiford Thornhill said: "The Foundation is looking forward to another year supporting Tucker and the rest of the town's public schools."

For more information about the Foundation, visit the website www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org.